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CE NEWS

Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Libraries that Lend “Things”

[Libraries that Lend “Things”](#) is the title of an upcoming Infopeople webinar that will discuss how libraries around the country are meeting community needs and remaining relevant by lending things such as fishing poles, cement mixers and gardening tools.

Some of you may be familiar with Berkeley California’s Tool Lending Library which began thirty-six years ago in a small mobile shed with 500 tools and a single employee. The project was initially funded by a \$30,000 federal Community Development Block Grant with the mission to provide residents access to tools and how-to information. When Berkeley residents passed a property-based library tax in 1988, the Tool Lending Library was included in the Library’s operating budget and the project expanded.

There are now five tool lending libraries within the Bay Area with a combined collection of more than 3500 tools. The tool lending service is free to all residents and property owners in Berkley over 18 years of age. All of the tools have been added into the Library’s Catalog making it easy to reserve or renew them online.

The Tool Lending Library also offers home repair and gardening workshops developed to meet user and community needs. The Berkeley Tool Lending Library is successful because it connects the library to the community in a meaningful manner.

Is there “something” your library could lend?

Webinar Picks

- ♦ [Public Librarians’ Chat: Libraries & Museums working well together](#)
- ♦ [Crafting a Successful Adult Education Program for Small Rural Libraries](#)
- ♦ [Libraries that Lend “Things”](#)

Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events:						
<u>The Happiness Advantage at Work Part 1: Unraveling the Happiness Mystery</u>						
Tue, Jun 30, 2015 9:00am						
<u>Cardboard Conundrum: Why a Small University Library Has Grown a Monthly Board Game Night</u>						
Wed, Jul 1, 2015 5:00am						
<u>Leadership Development Simple Truths: The Power of Situational Approach</u>						

For all of the upcoming events & webinars visit [Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar](#)

Infopeople FY 2016 CE Opportunity

If you have been wanting to sharpen your professional skills by participating in some of the terrific Infopeople online training courses but found the \$150.00 out-of-state registration fee beyond your library’s budget. You will be happy to learn that the Alaska State Library has purchased a block of forty (40) seats to Infopeople Courses.

These course seats are available to Alaska public library directors and library staff. Seats to the Infopeople courses will be distributed in an equitable manner to ensure that participants from public libraries of all sizes and in all regions of the State are represented.

If you would like to request one of the Infopeople course seats visit the [Infopeople FY 2016 CE Opportunity](#) online resource guide which lists the steps you are required to complete in order to secure an Infopeople seat.

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